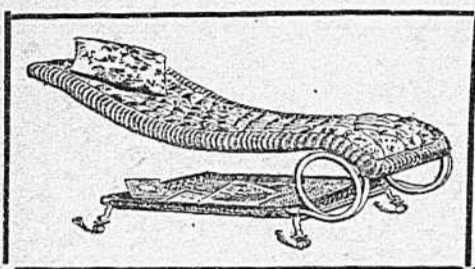


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I have some fine lots in Morrow Place yet. H. H. Lanham.

CASTING LOTS.

A Curious Military Custom That Was Once in Vogue in Europe.

In the armies of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the custom of casting lots to decide what soldiers should be punished for the offenses of all was common. At Winchester, England, in 1645, complaint was made that after the surrender there had been unfair plundering. Six soldiers were tried and found guilty, and it was decided by lot which one of the six should be hanged. At Tangier in 1663, and again in 1665, two soldiers had to cast dice on a drumhead, and he who threw the least was executed. Thomas May's translation of Barclay's "Icon Animorum" gives a curious story of this sort. Speaking of English courage, he says that during the war in the Netherlands some soldiers of the Spanish party were taken prisoners by the Dutch, who decided to make reprisals for the previous cruelty of their enemies. Out of four and twenty men eight were to be hanged. "There were lots, therefore, thrown into a helmet," says May, "and the prisoners were commanded to draw their fortunes— whoever should draw a blank was to escape, but whoever should draw a black lot was to be hanged presently."

"They were all," says May, "possessed with a great apprehension of their present danger, especially one Spaniard. Their pitiful wishes and tears in some of the standers by did move pity in others laughter. There was besides in that danger an Englishman, a common soldier, who, with a careless countenance, expressing no fear of death at all, came boldly to the helmet and drew his lot. Chance favored him; it was a safe lot. Being free himself from danger he came to the Spaniard, who was yet timorous and trembling to put his hand into the fatal helmet, and receiving from him 10 crowns he entreated the judges—oh, horrid audacity—that, dismissing the Spaniard, they would suffer him again to try his fortune."

May further relates that "the judges consented to the madman's request, who valued his life at so low a rate, and he again drew a safe lot." May seems rather to regret the second escape of the foolhardy Englishman, whom he denounces as "a wretch unworthy not only of that double, but even of a single preservation, who so basely had undervalued his life."

WOMAN.

What is woman? Only one of nature's agreeable blunders.—Bulwer.

A beautiful woman is the only tyrant man is not authorized to resist.—Victor Hugo.

Unhappy is the man to whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.

The best thing I know of is a first rate wife, and the next best thing is a second rate one.—Josh Billings.

A beautiful woman is a practical poem, planting tenderness, hope and eloquence in all whom she approaches.—Emerson.

They govern the world, these sweet voiced women, because beauty and harmony are the index of a larger fact than wisdom.—O. W. Holmes.

A good book and a good woman are excellent things for those who know how to appreciate their value. There are men, however, who judge of both by the beauty of the covering.—Dr. Johnson.

We Mean Well.

Heaven send that no friend with a pocketful of pebbles be tempted by the shine and glimmer of our glass houses, for indeed we meant well! Here it is—the knowledge in which imagination must take root if stone throwing is ever to go out of fashion and the world become a pleasant place to live in—namely, that most everybody else means well too. The creed of the imaginative and kindly heart which will not throw stones is brief:

There is so much good in the worst of us. There is so much bad in the best of us. That it all becomes any one of us. To talk about the rest of us unless we can do it with truth and sympathy—in other words, with imagination.—Margaret Deland in Harper's Bazar.

British Naval Red Tape.

The British navy can produce fine samples of red tape as well as the army. Not long since an admiral took the trouble to write a long minute on the back of an ordinary routine paper submitted to him to the effect that the margin on the left hand side was fully one-eighth of an inch too narrow. We all know that genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains, but I hardly think that the genius of Blake or Nelson is likely to be exemplified in an admiral who goes over his official papers with a tape measure in order to see that the margins are the right width.—London Truth.

Too Suggestive.

"The health officer advised me to ask every man with whom we had domestic dealings if he was careful to boil the water he used in his business."

"Yes."

"Well, I asked the milkman first. And what do you think? He got mad and wanted to kick me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Knobs.

Tess—What do you think of my new shoes? Quite nobby, aren't they? Jess—Yes, they are rather knobby, but I think any first class chiropodist could remove the knobs.—Philadelphia Press.

Suspicious.

Friend—What makes you think Tom has broken his promise to keep straight? Flancee—Well, he brings me more expensive presents than he used to.—Princeton Tiger.

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ENGLAND'S TEMPER RISING

RUSSIA'S ACTION IN SINKING THE KNIGHT COMMANDER IS TAKEN QUITE SERIOUSLY.

LONDON, July 27.—The British government is taking energetic action in the case of the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander by the Vladivostok squadron. All information received by the government tends to establish in the official mind a belief that an outrage has been committed for which no excuse exists in international law. Those aware of the feelings of the ministry said last night that all the members of the Cabinet are in accord regarding the principle of the inviolability of innocent neutral shipping, as well as upon the principle that a neutral ship cannot be destroyed even if carrying contraband of war.

The demand which will be made upon the Russian government will include compensation to the owners of the ship and to the owners of the goods on board the Knight Commander, an apology for the action of the Russian cruisers and an agreement that instructions be given which will prevent a repetition of such action.

British shipowners are in arms over the dangers which shipping is now running and are bombarding the government with representations looking to the thorough protection of their interests.

Calls It Illegal.

Mr. Arthur Cohen, one of the counsel for the British government in the Alabama claims arbitration case, now a judge of the Cinque Ports and standing counsel for the University of Cambridge, said last night:

"It is scandalous, this reckless seizure and destruction of neutral shipping by Russian vessels. The sinking of the Knight Commander was totally illegal. Wheaton, in his work on international law, states explicitly that if the prize is a neutral ship no circumstances will justify her destruction before condemnation; that if the vessel is destroyed, full compensation will be given to her owners; but that owners of contraband of war on board the ship, if any, have no substantial ground for complaint, because the destruction of the vessel does not injure them."

"Had the Knight Commander been condemned as a 'good prize' the owners of the contraband cargo would consequently suffer no loss by the sinking of the ship. Owners of neutral goods on ships are entitled to compensation, as are the owners of the vessel."

"Russia may advance the contention that the Knight Commander was carrying contraband of the character of which her owner was aware, and that he, therefore, was guilty of an offence against international law. This would not justify the sinking of the Knight Commander, nor would the unwillingness of the Russian commander to reduce the complement of his squadron in order to furnish a prize crew be an excuse for such action. That was the misfortune of the Russians."

Time For Declaration.

"It seems to me to be time for the United States and Great Britain to say that they will not allow this extension of the rules relating to contraband of war or this extraordinary interference with neutral commerce."

"I continue to feel convinced that Russia does not want trouble with other nations and will order a more strict observance of international law if energetic remonstrances be addressed to her."

Mr. Balfour, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the sinking of the Knight Commander, said inquiries were being made on the subject, but he was not yet in a position to make a statement.

Replying to another question the Prime Minister said the government was not aware of any convention concluded in 1901 between Turkey and Russia providing special conditions for the passage of the Dardanelles by special Russian ships.

Mr. Balfour, while disclaiming that he was giving an authoritative decision, said that he believed the declaration of Paris in 1856 contemplated the abolition of privateering and the declaration that a neutral flag covers an enemy's merchandise except when contraband of war.

Dealing with the question of whether the Russian volunteer vessels, being private ships commissioned by the State, were different materially from privateers, Mr. Balfour said that the whole question of the status of the volunteer ships was now under discussion between Great Britain and Russia and that it would not be desirable to discuss that point in the House of Commons at present.

The Gazette on March 3 published a statement communicated to the British by the Russian government setting forth regulations on the sub-

ject of captured vessels and indicating various exceptional cases under which a commander of a Russian cruiser would be entitled to burn or sink a captured vessel after taking off the crew, passengers and papers.

These regulations had been in existence in 1856, and it is believed Lord Lansdowne did not protest against them on this occasion. The newspapers this morning, therefore, counsel patience, especially as the Russian government, in view of the news from the seat of war, must have much to try its temper at the present moment.

A majority of the morning newspapers, however, print editorials in an angry strain on the further reported seizures of vessels by the Russians and the delay in the release of the Malacca.

Nation's Temper Rising.
The Standard says: "We do not wish to embarrass the government in the delicate negotiations, but the Ministers should realize that the temper of the nation is rising. Where is the Mediterranean fleet and the China squadron? What is the use of keeping a navy if we are to be subjected to such indignities?"

The Morning Post, in a like strain, declares: "Peace is not always preserved by being afraid of war, which is plain English of being afraid of complications."

According to the daily Telegraph, the delay in reaching a satisfactory settlement with Russia is due to the tragic event of the sinking of the Knight Commander, which, it has reason to believe, was caused by a torpedo, and which, the newspaper says, has raised a set of questions altogether different from those regarding the status of the volunteer fleet.

Little further news has reached London, either of captured steamers or of the progress of hostilities in the far East.

It is announced from Malta that the British cruiser Astrea sighted the Malacca on Monday evening off Cape Bon, Tunis.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

CHICAGO, July 27.—Fire originating from an overheated dynamo threatens the destruction of Swift and Company's immense lard house. A 4-11 alarm has been sent in.

TOKIO, July 27.—An official dispatch received to-day regarding the fight at Taichi-Kao and the subsequent retreat of the Russians, contains the information that the Japanese force consisted of the army under General Oku and the Taku-Shan column under General Nodzu.

LISBON, July 27.—An official cablegram from the governor of Mosambique, states that the Arab slave raiders are rampant on the northern coast of Mosambique. Bloody encounters between the Arabs and Portuguese troops are frequent. A gunboat with reinforcements has been sent to the scene.

LONDON, July 27.—Lloyd's Perim agents wire that the new British steamship City of Agra, from Liverpool for Kurrachee, passed there to-day and signalled that she had been delayed by the Russians.

The steamer is a vessel of 3,096 tons register.

LONDON, July 27.—The Peninsula and Oriental Company announces that they have received a cablegram stating that their steamer, the Formosa, which was captured by the Russian volunteer vessels in the Red Sea and taken to Suez, has been released and is now proceeding to Yokohama.

ROME, July 27.—The Yin Kow correspondent of the Italia Militare, reports that the Russians, before evacuating the port, attempted to destroy all stores of food. The citizens of the town, however, aided by a downpour of rain, were able to prevent this wanton destruction.

The correspondent adds that 24 large steamers with troops and ammunition arrived at Yin Kow yesterday.

QUEENSTOWN, England, July 27.—The White Star liner Majestic, Capt. Hayes, from New York, reports having sighted a ship aflame in latitude 46.16, longitude 72.38. The flames reaching within three feet of the water's edge. There were no signs of life on board, and her name could not be ascertained.

At the urgent request of some who have friends wishing to visit the whale exhibition, and while completing arrangements for its transportation, Captain Anderson has consented to remain a few days longer before taking his departure. The exhibition has been well patronized by many of good people, who only speak of words of praise. Those wishing a genuine whale, and to gain knowledge regarding its mode and the methods of whaling, prove the limited opportunity the Captain leaves with it.